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WILL OF MRS. ELIZABETH STITH.

In the name of God amen, I Elizabeth Stith of Surry County. Whereas it has pleased almighty God to grant me a long continuation in this my Pilgrimage and altho at this Time weak of Body yet in perfect and Sound Mind and Memory do praise and Glorifie his Name for ever; but being Mindfull of the Debt which all must pay, and None but God can tell how soon, think fit to make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: Imprs. I give my soul to him that made it trusting in a Happy Resurrection through the Merrits and intercession of my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ and my Body (without any Pomp) to be decently intered by my Executors hereafter Named.

Item. I give and Devise unto my Grand-son Allen[1] Cocke my Gold Watch, Chain, and Seals, (Provided he will give unto Thomas Smith the old Family Seal'd Ring which his Father bought at the Sale of Mr. Smith's Estate) but in case he should fail to do so then I give unto the said Thomas Smith my Gold Seal which hangs now to my Watch, the said Watch &c. above mentioned I give to my said Grandson Allen Cocke and his Heirs for ever and hope he will never part with it.

I also give to my said Grandson Allen Cocke my Three Silver Castors four Silver Salts four Silver Salt spoons and one silver Can to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item. I give unto my Grandaughter Katherine Allen Bradby my large silver Tankard and to her and her Heirs for ever.

Item. I give unto my Grandaughter Rebekah Cocke and her Heirs for ever one and an Half Dozen Table spoons Thirteen Tea spoons Two pair Tea tongs and one strainer all of silver together with one silver Poringer.

Item. I give and Devise unto my beloved Grandson Allen Cocke and his Heirs for ever my Plain Gold Ring marked in the inside with A. E. and one mourning stone Ring with T. Bray on it and my Will and Desire is that he shall have my Father's Picture, and his Grandfather Allen's Aunt's Picture. And Whereas there is a Deed of Gift Recorded in the Court of James City County wherein I give to my Daughter Katherine Cocke and her Heirs for ever my Plantation and Land called Rockohock, I do now give and confirm the said Gift unto my Grandson Allen Cocke as his Mother's Representative.

Item. I give unto James Rodwell Bradby and his Heirs for ever one plain Gold Ring marked E. S., and one pair Cypher Stone Buttons set in Gold.

Item. My Will and Desire is that my Grandaughters Katherine Allen Bradby and Rebekah Cocke and the Heirs of their Bodys for ever shall have the use of my House and Lotts adjoining the Lott which Doctor Hay purchased of Col. Philip Johnson[2] and Facing the Lott where the Doctor formerly lived

[1] His will, dated November 20, 1780, is recorded in Surry county, and mentions sons, Benjamin, Allen, and Richard; daughters, Ann Hunt and Catharine, sister Eaton; friend and relative, Richard Cocke, Sr.

[2] Col. Philip Johnson married Elizabeth, heiress of James Bray, and had issue: James Bray Johnson and others. James Bray Johnson married Rebecca, dau. Col. Littlebury and Rebecca Cocke, and had Eliza, sole heiress, who married Chancellor Samuel Tyler, of Williamsburg. (*Hening's Statutes and Charles City Records.*)

and if either of them should be inclined to sell their parts to the other they may do it without any penalty but by no means sell it to any other Person under the penalty of Fifty pounds Current Money to be paid to my Grandson Allen Cocke unless either of my said Grandaughters should sell their parts to my said Grandson which they may do without any Penalty.

Item. I give unto Col. Joseph Bridger my small silver Tankard marked A. S. M.

Item. I give unto Col. Philip Johnson and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Ten pounds Current money to buy them two neat Rings.

Item. I give to my Three God children, Henry Baker, Charlotte Mackie, & Elizabeth Browne five pounds Current money each to buy them a silver cup with the two first letters of their Names on them. Also I give unto my God Daughter Martha Taylor Daughter of James and Rebecca Taylor Five pounds Current Money to give her four years schooling.

Item. I give and devise unto James Allen Bridger and his Heirs for ever my single Corner Lott lying near the Colledge & facing the Lott where Mr. Camell formerly lived I also give him five pounds to buy him a silver cup.

Item. I give unto Mrs. Sarah Bridger (wife of Capt. James Bridger) my silver Soop spoon.

Item. I give unto the Parish of Southwark Fifty pounds Current Money to purchase an Alter piece for the lower Church in the said County and I hope my Executors as well as the Church Wardens will see that this my Will is complyed with. I would have Moses and Aaron drawn at full length holding up between them the Ten commandments and if money enough I would have the Lord's prayer in a small Fraim to hang on the right hand over the great Pew and the Creed in another small Fraim to Hang on the Left Hand over the other great Pew.

Item. I give unto my Free School at Smithfield One Hundred and Twenty pounds Current Money the interest whereof I desire may be paid yearly for the schooling of any six poor children and that the one hundred and twenty pounds Remain untouched in the Hands of my Trustees hereafter Mentioned, to-wit: Richard Kello, Arthur Smith, Thomas Pierce and William Hudsden, these three may be seen in the Deed of Gift Recorded in the Court of Isle of Wight County and how far their Power extends, and whereas Col. Bridger hinted to me one day that he did not care to be a Trustee any longer I desire in case he should Resign that Mr. Miles Cary may succeed him and demand of Col. Bridger twelve pounds One shilling which I put into his hands for the use aforesaid. I desire after my decease that my Exors may pay to the said Trustees One hundred and seven pounds Nineteen Shillings which Added to the money in Col. Bridger's Hands will make up the above-mentioned Sum of one hundred and twenty pounds; and if after paying my Just Debts, Legacys, and funeral Expenses there should be a ballance in favor of my Estate, then I desire it may go to the better Maintenance of that School and Compleating those Pictures in the Church.

Item. My Will and Desire is that after my Legacys are taken out, all the Rest of my Estate shall be appraised and sold to discharge my Debts and Legacys, and that there may be no dispute about the Slaves I desire that the four Negroes which I bought since the death of Mr. Smith my be sold viz.:

Hannibal, George, Joe, & Lucy, and the money arising thereby to be added to the money arising from the sale of my other Estate and applyed to the same uses, and all the other Slaves of which I am possessed belong to Mr. Smith's Estate, notwithstanding there are three among them which belonged to Mr. Arthur Allen's Estate, which are Dick, Jenny, and Phillis, but when my son James Allen settled with Mr. Smith my son Allen gave him those three Negroes in consideration of something by him Received of Mr. Smith in their Settlement as I have been Informed.

Item. My Will and Desire is not to have any of my Clothes sold, and if my Grandaughters think any of them worth their Acceptance, I desire they may take such as they like, and the Remainder they are to Devide Equally between Mrs. Delk, Mrs. Alice Drew, and Mrs. Holt, wife of Francis Holt; these are three I choose to shroud me. I likewise further desire not to have any Funeral, but a Decent burial, with only my Relations and Near Neibours at it; and that the Parson and Clark with the four Men that beir me to the Grave shall have Hat bands and Gloves; that I may have a plain black Walnut Coffin, and that John Cornwell, Francis Holt, Nathaniel Sebrell, and James Holt may beir it to the Ground. And I do appoint Mr. William Edwards and Capt. James Bridger Executors of this my last Will and Testament, making void all other Wills by me heretofore made, and resting in the hope that they will see this my will truly performed according to the true intent and meaning of me this Testator.

In confidence whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of November A. D. 1774.[1]

ELIZABETH STITH (L. S.)

Seal'd, Sign'd, & Acknowledged
in presence of
Richd. Hardy, Francis Holt,
Wm. Philip Edwards, Wm. Edwards.

I, Elizabeth Stith, of the Parish of Southwark and County of Surry, do this fourth day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred sixty and nine, make this my Codicil to my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) It's my Desire that the following Negroes be sold by my Exors. (to-wit): Grace, Isaac, Isham, and Jemmey, and the money arising from the sales to be applyed towards Discharging the Legacys in my said Will.

Witness my hand the day and Year above written.

Witness. ELIZABETH STITH (L. S.)
Martha Edwards,
Martha Holt.

At a Court held for Surry County February the twenty-second, One thousand seven hundred & seventy-four.

The aforewritten last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Stith, Deceased, was presented in Court by James Bridger Gent., one of the Executors therein named, who, refusing to take upon him the burthen of the Execution of the said Will, the same was proved by the Oaths of Richard Hardy and William Philip Edwards, two of the witnesses thereto, and was continued for further Proof.

[1] This date must be erroneous, as the codicil is dated 1769. It probably stood 1764 in the original will.

And on the motion of Arthur Smith Gent., who made oath thereto according to law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration of the Estate of the said Elizabeth Stith, deceased, with the Will of the said Elizabeth Stith annexed, he giving Bond as the Law Directs. And at a Court held for Surry County, April the Twenty-sixth, One Thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, The afore written will was further proved by Francis Holt, another of the Witnesses thereto, and was by the Court Ordered to be Recorded.

Teste: WM. NELSON, Cl. Cur.
A Copy—Teste: A. S. EDWARDS, Clerk.

SHIELDS FAMILY.

1, JAMES[1] SHIELDS (died June 2, 1727) was an early resident of Williamsburg, where he kept an ordinary. He married Hannah ——, and his will shows that he had issue: 2, *James*;[2] 3, *Matthew*;[2] 4, William;[2] 5, Elizabeth,[2] married —— Vaughan; 6, Mary,[2] married —— Cobbs.

3, MATTHEW[2] SHIELDS (James[1]) married Lucretia, daughter of Jean Pasteur, "barber and perukemaker," a French Huguenot. Issue: Mary Magdalene, that married William Pearson, who kept the tan-yard at Williamsburg.

2, JAMES[2] (James[1]) was appointed surveyor for York county in 1744, married 1st Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Cobbs and Rebecca Pinkethman (dau. of William Pinkethman) his wife, (Robert Cobbs married 2ndly, Elizabeth ——, who married after his death in 1725 Samuel Weldon, of James City county). James Shields married 2dly Anne Marot([1]), widow of James Inglis (died before

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([1]) 1, JEAN MAROT came to Virginia in the Huguenot emigration in 1700. (*Va. Hist. Soc. Coll.*, Vol. V., p. 24.) He was in 1704 secretary of Col. William Byrd at Westover, and was then 27 years old. The next year he obtained a license to keep ordinary at Williamsburg. He married Anne ——, and his will was proved in York County Court in 1717, his inventory showing a large estate. His will shows that he had issue: 2, Edith;[2] 3, Anne;[2] 4, Rachel.[2] His widow, Anne, married Timothy Sullivant. Jean Marot was killed by one Francis Sharpe.

2, EDITH[2] MAROT (Jean[1]) married Samuel Cobbs, first of York county, and then of Amelia; 4, RACHEL[2] died *sine prole.*

3, ANNE[2] married, 1st, James Inglis, and had issue: Judith Bray Inglis, who married William Armistead, and was mother of Henry Armistead, of Charles City, born Jan. 8, 1753. James Inglis was the son of Mungo Inglis (45 in 1702), first Master of the Grammar School in William and Mary College. His mother was Anne (daughter of James Bray, Esq., and Angelica, his wife),